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E.O. 11652: GDS  
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SUBJECT: DISCUSSIONS WITH SUBSECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT ABOUT  
NARCOTICS CONTROL EFFORT

1. THE CHARGE, ACCOMPANIED BY THE DEA/SAIC, CALLED ON THE NEW SUBSECRETARY OF GOVERNMENT, DR ENRIQUE LEON PALACIOS, ON JUNE 19 TO DISCUSS JOINT GOE-USG NARCOTICS EFFORTS. THE CHARGE REVIEWED FOR LEON THE HISTORY OF GOE-USG COOPERATION IN THIS AREA, WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PERIOD SINCE LAST NOVEMBER WHEN AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD RAISED THE SUBJECT WITH SUPREME COUNCIL MEMBER GENERAL DURAN. THE CHARGE CITED THE SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATION OF AMBASSADOR BLOOMFIELD WITH DURAN, THE MEETING OF SPECIAL NARCOTICS ADVISOR FALCO AND DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY ARRELANO WITH PRESIDENT POVEDA, AND RECENT EMBASSY COLLABORATION WITH MINISTER JARRIN AND FORMER SUBSECRETARY MANRIQUE. LEON SEEMED TO BE AWARE OF THIS HISTORY BUT WE BELIEVE THAT THE MEETING WAS USEFUL TO EMPHASIZE THE CONTINUE IMPORTANCE OF PROGRAM TO THE USG AND TO OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP.

2. THE CHARGE ALSO DELIEVED TO LEON A CONFIDENTIAL LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT  
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THAT CONGRATULATED HIM ON CURRENT SUCCESSES OF THE GOE AGAINST NARCOTICS TRAFFICKERS, AND PROVIDED INTELLIGENCE REGARDING TRAFFICKING ACTIVITIES RELATED TO THE PENITENTIARY IN GUAYAQUIL. SUBSECRETARY LEON READ THE LETTER. HE GAVE PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE INTELLIGENCE (TYPED ON PLAIN WHITE BOND WITHOUT LETTERHEAD) ABOUT THE PRISON. HE PROMISED HE WOULD

DISCUSS THE MATTER WITH THE MINISTER OF GOVERNMENT.  
THIS WILL BE ONE FURTHER TEST OF GOE'S WILL TO CARRY  
OUT AN EFFECTIVE NARCOTICS SUPPORT PROGRAM.  
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